

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A ventilated mask comprising:

an upper visor detachably affixed to a lower mask portion, upper visor
5 forming a visor frame supporting a pair of laterally spaced lens openings
separated by a bridge member;
said bridge member forming at least one ventilation aperture for providing
fluid communication between the space behind the visor and the outside
atmosphere;

10 a pair of clear lens elements, one said clear lens element supported within
each said lens opening;

said lower frame member further forming connection means to connect
physically with a lower mask portion; and
said lower mask portion.

15 2. The ventilated mask of Claim 1, wherein said upper visor forms a half-
helmet formed of rigid material.

20 3. The ventilated mask of Claim 1, wherein each lens is formed of a clear,
impact resistant material including features as would be available with
eyeglasses, sunglasses, or visors selected from the group comprising

polarization coatings, UV reduction, optical corrective lens, color filters.

4. The ventilated mask of Claim 1, wherein said lower mask portion is formed of a semi-pliable and form fitting outer frame reinforced with a semi-rigid structure, said outer frame circumscribing a ventilation area that is covered by a filter medium.

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10 5. The ventilated mask of Claim 4, wherein said filter medium is washable and replaceable, allowing for the modular replacement of filter medium of varying and differing filtering capabilities.

6. The ventilated mask of Claim 4, wherein formed within the lower portion of the ventilation area is an inlet aperture covered from outside by a hinged cover, said cover coupled to and depending from said aperture.